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SUBJECT: 24TH SESSION COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT-
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION: MID-TERM
REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY

1. CHAIRMAN NAWVI (INDIA) HAS SUBMITTED DRAFT RES ON WORLD SOCIAL
SITUATION-MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP-
MENT STRATEGY. NAWVI IS PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF RES.

2. US DEL HAS NOT DOUBT THAT RES WILL BE ADOPTED AND REALIZES
THERE MAY BE SECTIONS IN STATEMENT CONTAINED IN RES WHICH US CANNOT
SUPPORT, I.E. , REFERENCE TO CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DURITES.

3. US DEL REQUESTS SPECIFIC WORDING CHANGES AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

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EXPECT CONSIDERATION OF RES TOMORROW, JAN 23, MORNING SESSION.

QUOTE

WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
RECOGNIZING THAT ITS TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION, OCCURRING AS IT DOES
AT THE OUTSET OF 1975, PROVIDES AN EARLY INITIATIVE FOR IT TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE DELIBERATIONS ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND
APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE
SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,
RECALLING ITS ROLE IN THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AS ASSIGNED TO IT IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1666 (LII) OF 1 JUNE 1972,

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE 1974 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION, 1/IN SO FAR AS THE REPORT WAS AVAILABLE TO IT, AND NOTING THE OTHER DOCUMENTATION BEFORE IT,

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO FORWARD TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, TO THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, AND TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL THAT PART OF THE 1974 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION ENTITLED "SOCIAL TRENDS: A GLOBAL OVERVIEW", 2/

2. ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, AND RECOMMENDS IT ENDORSEMENT BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:

"STATEMENT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

"A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT AND POSITIVE CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE WHICH HAS BROUGHT ABOUT AN EXTENSION OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS TO MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD, DESPITE A DETERIORATION IN THIS REGARD
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AND THE CONTINUED PERSISTENCE OF COLONIALISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION IN OTHER AREAS. THE PERCEPTION OF DEVELOPMENT AS AN INTERRELATED PROCESS HAS INCREASINGLY SHAPED THE SETTING OF OBJECTIVES AND THE DESIGN OF NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS. THERE IS ALSO AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF AND CONCERN FOR THE GRAVITY AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IN THIS CONNEXION, A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN

ADDRESSED TO SUCH QUESTIONS AS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMMES TO GENERATE EMPLOYMENT, THE INTEGRATION OF POPULATION POLICIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES WITH DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES, THE WORK IN CONNEXION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, AND THE SUBORDINATION TO NATIONAL INTERESTS OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. TO SOME EXTENT THESE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AND HAVE GIVEN RISE TO IMPROVEMENTS IN LIVING CONDITIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS.

"THESE POSITIVE FEATURES NOTWITHSTANDING, A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT PRESENT ENGULFING MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD. IN MANY COUNTRIES PROGRESS HAS BEEN SEVERELY LIMITED, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION CONTINUES TO LIVE IN VARYING DEGREES OF DEPRIVATION AND MASS POVERTY. IN SPITE OF SOME GAINS IN FOOD PRODUCTION, HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION CONTINUE TO BE WIDESPREAD AND MANY CHILDREN LACK THE NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GROWTH. HIGH LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE HUMAN AS WELL AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. INCOME REMAINS UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, AND THE MASS OF THE POPULATION RECEIVES ONLY A SMALL SHARE OF THE BENEFITS OF GROWTH. IN SOME AREAS, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WITHOUT ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, SUCH AS EDUCATION, HEALTH SERVICES, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE, IS RISING AND THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS LACK ANY KIND OF ECONOMIC SECURITY. THE WORSENING CRIME SITUATION IS ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE. MANY REGIONAL AND SOCIAL IMBALANCES ALSO PERSIST WITHIN COUNTRIES, AND UNJUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS CONTINUE TO EXIST. THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED IN MANY COUNTRIES BY LOW RATES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PATTERNS OF PRODUCTION UNSUITED TO THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE BULK OF THE POPULATION.

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"IT IS A MATTER FOR CONCERN THAT, IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE DETERIORATION IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS FURTHER IMPAIRED THE ABILITY OF MANY DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO RESPOND TO THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEMS LEADING TO A SLOWING OF GROWTH AND THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF PERSISTENT INFLATION WHICH ARE FELT PARTICULARLY BY THE POORER SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION, HAVE BECOME MATTERS OF CONCERN IN MANY COUNTRIES.

"UNLESS POSITIVE ACTION IS TAKEN TO REMOVE THESE OBSTACLES TO SOCIAL PROGRESS FROM THE LIFE OF SOCIETY, THE SITUATION IS LIKELY TO DETERIORATE FURTHER, AND AN INCREASINGLY GREATER SHARE OF THESE COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE MOST VULNERABLE NATIONS AND SOCIAL GROUPS.

"THE CRITICAL ASPECTS OF THE GRAVE ECONOMIC CRISIS BEING FACED IN MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD GIVE RISE TO THE CONCERN THAT THEY COULD LEAD TO AN EXCLUSIVE PREOCCUPATION WITH PURELY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THUS JEOPARDIZING THE PROSPECTS FOR GREATER CONSCIOUS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OVER-ALL SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

"IN THE REMAING PART OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION. THERE IS NEVERTHELESS AN URGENT NEED FOR ELABORATING THE NEW GOALS AND POLICIES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 79 OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, BASED ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE EARLY YEARS OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE SOCIAL (INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN) OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY.

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"VARIOUS FACETS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN - ARE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS, DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, WHICH GUARANTEES THE PROVISION OF THE MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR A DECENT LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE. SUCH A STRATEGY WOULD ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION IN BOTH FORMULATING THE PLANS FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTING THEM.

"EFFORTS TO SUPPLY THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE TO THE POOREST IN EACH COUNTRY MUST START WITH THE PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE DIET THROUGH THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS CLOTHING, SHELTER, HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION AND THE LIKE, BY MEANS OF APPROPRIATE STRUCTURES OF PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, EMPLOYMENT, AND OTHER NECESSARY MEASURES.

"OVER-ALL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOCUSED ON THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED AS PART OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE
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STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE, AND, HENCE, PARTICULAR GOALS OF POLICY MUST BE SET WITHIN AN INTEGRATED POLICY STRUCTURE, AS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED BY VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS APPROACH IS TO IDENTIFY THE CRITICAL AREAS OF FAR-REACHING RADICAL INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, SUCH AS NATIONAL PLANNING, LAND REFORM, PROGRESSIVE REDISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND WEALTH AND POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN THE WIDER SENSE, AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, DIRECT STATE INTERVENTION AND A CLEAR POLITICAL WILL MAY BE NECESSARY TO REMOVE INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS TO DEVELOPMENT. SIMILARLY, INTERNATIONAL ACTION MUST INVOLVE POVERTY-FOCUSED AID.

"POPULATION POLICIES, THE STATUS OF WOMEN, DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH, RESPONSIVENESS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLICIES, DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENETIC POTENTIAL OF CHILDREN, SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES SPECIFICALLY GEARED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE LANDLESS LABOURERS AND THE POOR AND THE MIDDLE FARMERS AND TENANTS, MUST BE CONCEIVED OF AS SEGMENTS OF THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS.

"A SERIES OF ACTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS ARE CALLED FOR TO ENSURE THAT A MORE VIGOROUS EFFORT IS MADE TO IMPLEMENT A UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND IN BILATERAL

AND UNILATERAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES,
PARTICULARLY THOSE CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME."

3. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION
OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
"REAFFIRMS THAT THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
SHOULD CONTINUE ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE
FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SO AS
TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT SET OUT IN THE
ABOVE STATEMENT, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND FAILURES DURING THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE."
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